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1. IN RESPONSE TO INSTRUCTIONS REFTEL APPROPRIATE
ELEMENTS OF MISSION HAVE EXAMINED USG SUPPLY OF ARTICLES
AND SERVICES COVERED BY SECTION 38 OF FAA 1973.

2. WITH REGARD TO MILITARY ASSISTANCE AND SALES, SINCE
IMPOSITION OF ARMS EMBARGO IN 1961 GOP HAS BECOME
FULLY AWARE AT ALL LEVELS OF EMBARGO ON ARMS FOR
PORTUGUESE AFRICA. IN MAP PROGRAM PLANNING, GOP
VIRTUALLY NEVER MAKES REQUESTS FOR ITEMS CLEARLY IN
SUPPORT OF MILITARY ACTIVITIES IN AFRICA. OVER LIFE
OF EMBARGO, WE KNOW OF VIRTUALLY NO INTENTIONAL BREACH
BY GOP. WE STRONGLY DOUBT THAT PORTUGAL WOULD WISH
TO JEOPARDIZE MILITARY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM BY SENDING
ITEMS SUPPLIED FOR NATO TO AFRICA. WITH SPECIFIC
REFERENCE TO SECTION 38, TO OUR KNOWLEDGE NONE OF
THE ITEMS SUPPLIED SINCE DEC. 17, 1973 HAS BEEN USED
IN SUPPORT OF PORTUGAL'S MILITARY ACTIVITIES.

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3. FMS SALES TO PORTUGAL ARE HANDLED CHIEFLY BY WASHINGTON AGENCIES AND GOP MILITARY ATTACHE IN WASHINGTON. WE UNDERSTAND SALES ARE CAREFULLY MONITORED BY PM/MC, AND GOP IS FULLY AWARE OF CONSTRAINTS OF EMBARGO. TO OUR KNOWLEDGE THERE HAVE BEEN NO INSTANCES OF PORTUGAL USING ITEMS OBTAINED UNDER FMS IN AFRICA.

4. DELIVERY OF AGRICULTURAL COMMODITIES UNDER THE 1972 PL 480 AGREEMENT (BASED ON 1971 AZORES RENEWAL ACCORD) WAS COMPLETED IN DECEMBER 1973, AND A SMALL AMOUNT OF THESE COMMODITIES WAS DELIVERED AFTER DECEMBER 17. WE ARE CERTAIN THAT NONE OF THESE FEED GRAINS HAVE BEEN USED IN SUPPORT OF MILITARY ACTIVITIES IN AFRICA.

5. IN VIEW OF THE MISSION'S EXAMINATION OF THE FACTS, WE CONSIDER THAT FULL JUSTIFICATION EXISTS FOR THE DEPARTMENT TO PROPOSE THAT THE PRESIDENT REPORT TO CONGRESS THAT NO ITMES COVERED BY SECTION 38 HAVE BEEN USED BY PORTUGAL IN SUPPORT OF ITS MILITARY ACTIVITIES IN AFRICA.

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